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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b),
is a Continuation application of PCT International Application
No. 09/355,032 filed on July 22, 1999.

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Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of ninety-three (93) pages
- ☒ Twelve (12) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration ☐ Original ☒ Photocopy
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment



☒ Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP98/05589 filed on December 10, 1998 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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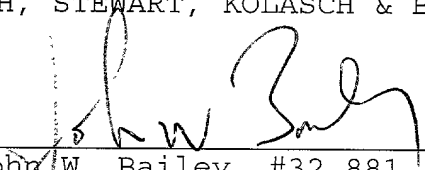
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